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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the Microsoft settlement as I don't feel that it addresses the problem of Microsoft being a monopoly. If they are allowed to provide their software to the schools as part of the settlement, it only furthers their strangle hold on the market.

I support Redhat's offer to provide the software and have Microsoft provide the hardware.

Any settlement should seperate the offering of the operating system from the applications. All of the API's to in the operating system should be public knowledge, at the same time that they are available to the Microsoft application people. Vendors should not be required to bundle any software with the operating system.

Thanks you,

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